

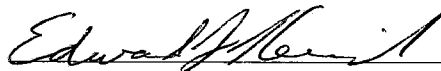
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In re Application of : Henry William LUPTON
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 05/04/2009.

Concurrently, Applicant requests a three (3) month extension of the period of time for the reply. The fee associated therewith, large entity, is authorized to be paid from Deposit Account No. 23-2053.

Applicant also has added two (2) new claims. The fee for the new claims is also authorized to be paid from Deposit Account No. 2 3-2053.

The undersigned registered patent attorney, with respect to this submission, is acting in a representative capacity under 37 C.F.R. §1.34. The undersigned is outside patent counsel for the new owner of all right title and interest to this application and to the invention described therein. Pursuant to the undersigned's client (Lake Region Medical) acquiring the company to which the inventor assigned his interest(s), the acquisition occurring in July 2009, the undersigned has become counsel of record for this application. Requisite confirmatory formal papers will be filed in due course.

Claims Amendments to the application begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.